



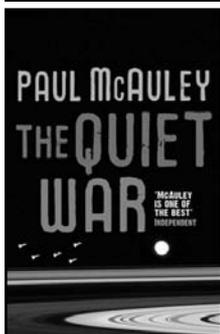
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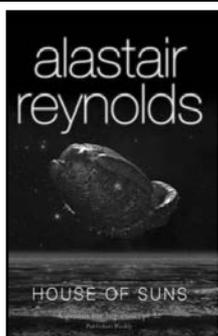
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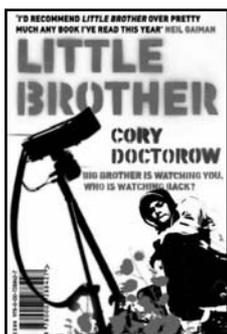
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Powers
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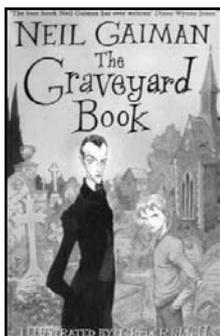
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Making Money
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HUGO AWARD NOMINEES



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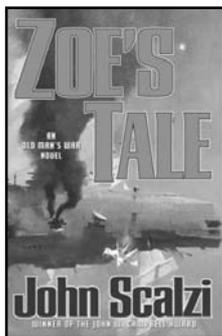
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by Neal Stephenson

The Graveyard Book*
by Neil Gaiman

Little Brother
by Cory Doctorow

Saturn's Children
by Charles Stross

Zoe's Tale
by John Scalzi



*Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* has recently been awarded the prestigious Newbery Medal. This award is presented annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year.

Easter Hours

Good Friday	10 Apr	(Public Holiday)	Closed
Saturday	11 Apr	(Public Holiday)	8.30am - 6pm
Sunday	12 Apr		10am - 5pm
Monday	13 Apr	(Public Holiday)	10am - 5pm



Tim-Tam and Champagne-Fest Welcomes Sherrilyn

Galaxy Bookshop had its first foray into the emerging world of Paranormal Romance last month with a visit from the immensely popular princess of Paranormal Romance, Sherrilyn Kenyon. Some feverish vampire fans were queuing for as long as two hours to be in the same room as the woman who penned the best-selling *Dark Hunter* novels, a compellingly written series about a group of warriors brought back from the dead to combat a race of vampires known as the Daemons. Paranormal Romance devotees who attended had a marvellous time mingling with fellow vampire-lovers while staff kept the revellers well-fuelled with Tim-Tams and champagne as they waited for a moment with the woman of the hour, Sherrilyn herself, who was greeted at the foot of the stairs with an absolute storm of applause and cheering. And on that note, Galaxy wishes to thank every single one of the lovely ladies who attended and helped make this event so special; it is your enthusiasm that motivates us!

- Sofia



Anzac Day



Saturday 25 Apr

10am - 5pm

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

CAT ADAMS

MAGIC'S DESIGN

Talos is a magic wielder, born into the mage guild of firecrafters. As an agent of the Overworld Police, he has come from a secret land to protect Earth from magicians intent on enslaving humanity. Mila has always had the gift of healing, but this very modern woman never realised that her skill was born of an ancient magic that only firecraft can fully unlock. Together, Tal and Mila discover that the source of their powers is in unity. Love's shining light might burn them alive protecting the magic of the world, but if the Tree of Life dies and all the magic in the world is extinguished... will it matter? Pb \$16.95 384pp

ANN AGUIRRE

BLUE DIABLO

Corine Solomon #1. Corine Solomon is a handler - when she touches an object she instantly knows its history and its future. Using her ability, she can find the missing - which is why people never stop trying to find her. Like her ex-boyfriend Chance, who needs Corine's gift to find someone dear to them both. But the search proves dangerous as it leads them into a strange world of demons and sorcerers, ghosts and witchcraft, zombies - and black magic... Pb \$16.95 336pp *Due Apr*



ALMA ALEXANDER

SPELLSPAM

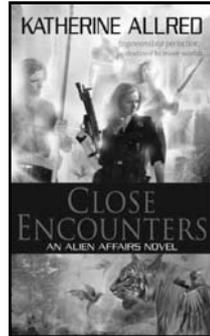
Worldweavers #2. What do you get when ordinary e-mail spam becomes infused with magic? Spellspam. At first, they seemed like harmless practical jokes, but now, for the students at the Wandless Academy, the spellspams are getting worse. Thea thought she was the only one who could reach through the computer using magic, but someone else is out there, someone bent on more than just stirring up trouble. Someone with a dark agenda from a whole new world. Pb \$19.95 480pp

KATHERINE ALLRED

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Alien Affairs #1.

The Bureau of Alien Affairs needed a special GEP agent with empathic abilities to handle their most extraordinary assignments - and a rogue geneticist saw to it that Kiera fit their specifications. But she turned out stronger, faster, smarter and more impervious to harm than anyone anticipated. A reluctant superhero, Kiera wishes she were normal, but it is not to be. On Orpheus Two, the indigenous Buri race faces extinction, a prospect the powerful Dynatec corporation welcomes and, in fact, may be actively hastening. It is Kiera's job to protect these beautiful, exotic aliens... and to discover what there is on Orpheus Two that Dynatec feels is worth killing for. But the magnetic allure of Thor, the breathtaking Buri leader, is proving a dangerous distraction. Now, to save Thor's people, Kiera will need a power she's never before possessed - something hidden in the unexplored recesses of her heart. Pb \$18.95 368pp *Due Apr*



CATHERINE ASARO

THE RUBY DICE

Skolian #11. Jaibriol rules the Eubian Concord: over two trillion people across more than 1,000 worlds and habitats. Kelric rules the Skolian Imperialate. War had come before - and it might come again, devastating vast swathes of the galaxy. Neither Jaibriol nor Kelric want war, but neither is complete master of his realm. And each hides a secret that, if revealed, might be his downfall. Neither man knows how much longer he can keep his secrets - nor how much longer they can hold back the threat of a war that could incinerate hundreds of worlds. Pb \$18.95 400pp *Due Apr*

ROBERT ASPRIN

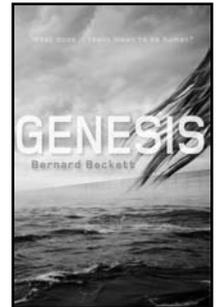
MYTH-FORTUNES

Myth Adventures #7. Immortality - it sounded like a great idea! Aahz falls for the offer of a piece of the rock, literally, when he invests in a scheme to build pyramids. He is so enthusiastic about the concept that he ropes in everyone else he knows to invest - in tombs lower down than his, of course. But all is not perfect: along with the prospect of being remembered for eternity and the best view in the valley of Zyx comes a run of unbelievable bad luck! It's up to Skeeve to figure out why the deal is running sour even before the ink's dry on the papyrus. Pb \$34.00 304pp

BERNARD BECKETT

GENESIS

Anax thinks she knows her history. She'd better. She's now facing three Examiners and her gruelling all-day Examination has just begun. If she passes, she'll be admitted into the Academy - the elite governing institution of her utopian society. But Anax is about to discover that for all her learning, the history she's been taught isn't the whole story. And that the Academy isn't what she believes it to be. Hb \$45.00 160pp *Due Apr*



CHRIS BECKETT

THE HOLY MACHINE

Illyria is a scientific utopia, an enclave of logic and reason founded off the Greek coast in the mid-21st century as a refuge from the Reaction, a wave of religious fundamentalism sweeping the planet. Yet to George Simling, first generation son of a former geneticist who was left emotionally and psychically crippled by the persecution she encountered in her native Chicago, science-dominated Illyria is becoming as closed-minded and stifling as the religion-dominated world outside... Pb \$18.95 320pp

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
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	ACTION
	REPRINT
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TP	TRADE PAPERBACK (SLIGHTLY LARGER)
HB	HARDBACK

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NEW TITLE

LITTLE (GRR!) LOST

Charles De Lint
PB \$19.95 271PP

Before Stephanie Meyer changed the face of young adult reading forever with the feverishly popular **Twilight Saga** there was another writer putting out brilliant material for young adult readers as well as adults. **Little (Grrl) Lost** is a perfect read for any 11 to 15-year-old who is wandering the world with teary eyes thinking that life has ended just because **Twilight** has. There's a whole world full of books to read and this is just one of them...

Charles De Lint has always drawn on established mythologies to propel the creatures and relationships that populate his stories and in **Little (Grrl) Lost** it's the relationship between TJ (14 and normal size) and Elizabeth (17, only six inches tall). TJ is lying in bed one night thinking resentful teenage thoughts when the funny sound she can hear coming from somewhere turns out to be a tiny little girl with a great big attitude. In keeping with De Lint's previous writings, the real world and the fae world come together naturally through a friendship between two girls who each need a friend. Their friendship starts with this encounter and then De Lint's style branches off between TJ's perspective and Elizabeth's (in the manner of **Breaking Dawn**) when they are abruptly and dangerously separated. This is doubly true for Elizabeth, who is not only at the mercy of gravity but also the sheer enormity of the big, wide world.

On a side note, this big wide world is well explored in any one of De Lint's books and he is generally considered the master of urban fantasy. **Little (Grrl) Lost** is an appropriate introduction to De Lint's wonderfully readable method of narrative because it's not very long and serves as a bridge to his other writings. And while the plot is simple and straightforward, the style makes up for this with its complexity and easy dialogue. If De Lint's writing has a flaw it's that his chapters end abruptly before swapping to the other perspective of the other character.

And on the subject of characters, both TJ and Elizabeth come across as real girls with real personalities, despite the fact that one of them is itty-bitty. TJ desperately misses her former life, including her beautiful horse Red, while Elizabeth feels stifled by her parents and in particular the nickname 'Tetty' (hideous!). And while they are different in their outlook they are both afraid of similar things. TJ has trouble adapting to the sharp, garish edges of city life (as opposed to her country home) and Tetty is surprised at the big wide world she so desperately wanted to see and be a part of.

So to the Twilight teens I say, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it leads to more wonderful, brain-expanding fantasy reads and this is one of them. And this one has won the *World Fantasy Award*, which is no small achievement.

- Sofia



CLASSIC TITLE

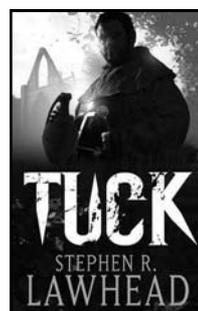
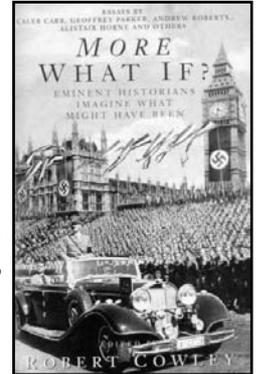
MORE WHAT IF?

ROBERT COWLEY (ED)
PB \$27.95 400PP

What if Hitler had been caught and put on trial? What if Antony had won at Actium? What if Lincoln had not freed the slaves? How might these events have changed the course of history? Would the changes have been for the better? Or might we now be living in a world as unrecognisable as it is inhospitable, under the cruel yoke of Nazi Germany, Imperial French North America, or crippling religious persecution? Would our world be recognisable today if Socrates had died at the Battle of Delium? Socrates is one of the pillars upon which modern Western civilisation has been constructed, but he is only really known to us through the words of his students, the majority of whom Socrates did not meet until much later in his life. If Socrates had died at Delium, he would never have had the profound impact on society, both through his teachings, through his students, and through his ultimate passage into human history; Delium is a landmark event that set the precedent for rationality

More What If, presents the reader with a rare insight into the unknowable, a historical perspective on past events that never happened. It is truly mind-boggling to think that a misplaced Theban javelin could have prevented the rise of Western civilisation, or that minor changes to foreign policy in the 15th century could have resulted in the Americas being first claimed and colonised by the Chinese. Looking at history from a counterfactual perspective is both entertaining and enlightening; it challenges beliefs and questions convictions. When viewed from this new perspective, historical events take on a whole new life and one really gets a sense of history, a feel for how these dramatic events in man's past continue to shape our present and future.

Robert Crowley has put together an incredible look at the way things could have happened; an amazing collection by the world's leading historical minds, who ground these fantastic tales in reality. If you love history, if you ever wondered what would have happened if the Allies hadn't cracked the Enigma code, if you love alternate reality science fiction, then you may want to consider what history may have been like... and luckily that history is not too late to be changed! - Matt



WIN...

**A COPY OF TUCK
(KING RAVEN #3)
BY STEPHEN LAWHEAD**

**See back page for competition
details**

BEN BOVA

 **THE IMMORTALITY FACTOR**

Some see stem-cell research as mankind's greatest scientific breakthrough. Others see a blasphemous attempt to play God. Suddenly, the possibility of immortality exists. Two brothers, both doctors, stand on opposite sides of the controversy. To Dr Arthur Marshak, his work is a momentous gift to humanity. To Dr Jessie Marshak, it is a curse. Between them stands a beautiful, remarkable woman both brothers will do anything to save. Somehow, before it's too late, Arthur and Jessie Marshak must bridge the gap that divides them on an issue that could mean nothing less than life or death for millions. Hb \$58.00 464pp *Due Apr*

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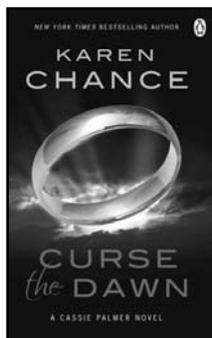
  **THE SAM GUNN OMNIBUS**

Here is the entire chronicle of Sam Gunn, trailblazer and scoundrel, as he scams his way from one end of the Solar System to the other, giving bold new meaning to the term *venture capitalist*. Pb \$45.00 704pp *Due Apr*

KAREN CHANCE

 **CURSE THE DAWN**

Cassie Palmer
#4. Cassie Palmer may be the world's chief clairvoyant, but that doesn't mean people have stopped trying to kill her. And now, the self-styled god Apollo, the source of Cassie's power, is on the warpath - leaving her no choice but to face down her creator once and for all. Pb \$18.95 400pp *Due Apr*



ALLAN COLE & CHRIS BUNCH

  **KINGDOMS OF THE NIGHT**

Anteros #3. A beautiful stranger brings Amalric Antero news of the Kingdoms of the Night, the last bulwark between civilisation and evil powers from an alien world. Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Apr*

ELLEN DATLOW (ED)

  **NEBULA AWARDS SHOWCASE 2009**

This annual tradition from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America collects the best of the year's stories, as well as essays and commentary on the current state of the genre and predictions of future science fiction and fantasy films, art and more. This year's award-winning authors include Michael Chabon, Karen Joy Fowler, Ted Chiang and Nancy Kress, plus 2008 Grand Master Michael Moorcock. Pb \$36.00 384pp *Due Apr*

JOHN CROWLEY

 **ENDLESS THINGS**

Aegypt Cycle #4. Spanning three centuries and weaving together the stories of Renaissance magician John Dee, philosopher Giordano Bruno and present-day itinerant historian and writer Pierce Moffitt, the author explores transformations physical, magical, alchemical and personal in this epic novel where the past, present and future reflect each other. Tp \$36.00 341pp

CAMERON DOKEY

 **WILD ORCHID**

Once Upon a Time series. A retelling of 'The Ballad of Mulan'. Wielding a sword as deftly as an embroidery needle, Mulan is unlike any other girl in China. When the emperor summons a great army, each family must send a male to fight. Tomboyish Mulan is determined to spare her aging father and bring her family honour, so she disguises herself and answers the call. But Mulan never expects to find a friend, let alone a soul mate, in the commander of her division, Prince Jian. For all of Mulan's courage with a bow and arrow, is she brave enough to share her true identity and feelings with Prince Jian? Pb \$10.95 224pp *Due Apr*

DAVID DRAKE

 **WHEN THE TIDE RISES**

Lt Leary #6. When the Republic of Cinnabar doesn't have enough battleships to deal with all the crises in its war with the Alliance, it sends the next best thing: Commander Daniel Leary and his friend, the spy Adele Mundy. This time they're off to help the Bagarian cluster in its rebellion against the Alliance, but they'll quickly find that the worst threats to the rebels are the treacherous politicians. Leary and Mundy use electronic espionage, sub-machine guns and shipkilling missiles to outwit political rivals, put down mutiny and capture an Alliance fortress. When all else fails, they'll strike for the heart of the Alliance - and then throw their tiny corvette into a major fleet action. Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Mar*

NICK GEVERS & JAY LAKE (EDS)

 **OTHER EARTHS**

One world among many... 11 stories about them all. What if Lincoln never became president and the Civil War never took place? What if Columbus never discovered America and the Inca developed a massive, technologically advanced empire? What if magic was real and a half-faerie queen ruled England? What if an author discovered a book written by an alternate version of himself? These are just some of the possible pathways that readers can take to explore the *other earths* that may be waiting just one page away. Pb \$18.95 320pp *Due Apr*

SUSAN GRANT

 **THE WARLORD'S DAUGHTER**

A Tale of the Borderlands. The war is finally over, but Wren's life is in tatters. The only living offspring of the notorious Drakken Warlord, her genes could very well start a new dynasty of terror and the Coalition can't have that. She alone holds the key to finding a legendary treasure. Having seen enough bloodshed, shy, petite Wren vows to destroy it before anyone, Drakken, Coalition or Earth, can get their hands on it - but she'll need help. The Drakken's ruthless evil turned Aral toward the Coalition years ago. War is all he knows, until he finds passion and love in the most unlikely of women - the Warlord's Daughter, but will trusting each other with their secrets risk not only their hearts, but their lives? Pb \$16.95 320pp

GWYNETH JONES

 **SPIRIT: THE PRINCESS OF BOIS DORMANT**

Bibi is the sole survivor of a massacre. Lady Nef, the General's wife, stops the General taking her as a concubine, winning Bibi's eternal and passionate devotion. Years later, a diplomatic mission to a supposedly friendly planet ends in disaster. Bibi, now a junior officer in Lady Nef's household, is incarcerated with her mistress in the notorious high-security prison on Fenmu. Lady Nef, 150 years old when arrested, dies in prison; she bequeaths to Bibi her rank, her level of access to the AI systems that permeate the Diaspora of inhabited planets and a highly secret set of 4-space co-ordinates. Bibi uses Lady Nef's death to escape and follows Lady Nef's co-ordinates to a treasure beyond price: a virgin, perfect, uninhabited planet. Soon after this, the mysterious, fantastically wealthy Princess of Bois Dormant makes her debut in the high society of Speranza, the Diaspora's capital city. Thus disguised, Bibi sets out to discover why she and her mistress were condemned to a living hell and to punish the guilty. Tp \$35.00 480pp

JUSTINE LARBELESTIER

  **HOW TO DITCH YOUR FAIRY**

At New Avalon, everyone has a personal fairy - some less desirable than others: Charlie's fairy ensures that she always has a car park, which seems to pale in comparison to Firenze's all-the-boys-like-you fairy. For Charlie, having a parking fairy is worse than having nothing at all - especially since she's not old enough to drive. Enter 'The Plan': swap fairies with her arch-enemy! But Charlie discovers that you ought to be careful what you wish for - and she'll have to resort to extraordinary measures to set things right. Pb \$17.99 312pp

JADE LEE



DRAGONBOUND

Horrific are a dragon's claws, its fiery breath and buffeting wings. Potent is its body, fraught with magic down to the very last glistening scale. But most fearsome of all is a dragon's cunning - and the soul that allows it to



bond with humans. Sabina was the one girl of her generation chosen as Dragonmaid, friend and caregiver to the copper dragon of her nation's tyrant king. There she witnessed the greed, lust and rage such a beast could incite - and acquired her own very dark secret. Pb \$18.95 336pp *Due Apr*

URSULA LE GUIN



LAVINIA

Lavinia grows up knowing nothing but peace and freedom, until suitors come. Her mother wants her to marry handsome, ambitious Turnus. But omens and prophecies spoken by the sacred springs say she must marry a foreigner - that she will be the cause of a bitter war - and that her husband will not live long. When a fleet of Trojan ships sails up the Tiber, Lavinia decides to take her destiny into her own hands. Pb \$34.00 288pp *Due Apr*



DEAN LOREY

MONSTER ACADEMY

Nightmare Academy #2. The pupils of the Nightmare Academy are in for their hardest year yet, as the Named monsters of the Nether prepare to break free! Final exams don't normally end in death, but Charlie Benjamin's final exams are far from normal. When Charlie, Violet and Theodore embark on a routine test in the Nether, they don't expect Violet to be abducted by demonic, kangaroo-like Dangers and they really don't expect to end up in the middle of an all-out breakout attempt by the remaining Named monsters. With the mysterious 'Guardian' under threat, and Barakkas and Verminion still loose on earth, only the misfits of the Nightmare Academy stand between an oblivious humanity and total annihilation. Pb \$19.99 384pp

PASHA MALLA



THE WITHDRAWAL METHOD

Here are worlds where Niagara Falls has run dry, where people's skin can be shed in a single piece and where ancient frustrated chess masters invent machines that unexpectedly alter the course of history. Pb \$34.00 328pp

KEITH MANSFIELD



JOHNNY MACKINTOSH AND THE SPIRIT OF LONDON

When 13-year-old Johnny's talking computer Kovac detects an extraterrestrial signal, his life is set to change for ever. Until then, stuck in his children's home in Castle Dudbury New Town, with the nasty cook Mr Wilkins watching his every move, football had been his only escape. But soon things start happening around him that Johnny doesn't understand: why is his mother, who is on life support in a hospital for the criminally insane, being guarded by sinister looking men? And why was a journalist murdered shortly after Johnny talked to him? When Johnny finds out he has a sister, he decides to run away to find her. His search for answers takes him farther from home than he could ever have imagined, on a spectacular journey through time and space. Along the way he visits new worlds, prehistoric Earth and the lost city of Atlantis before finally discovering the truth about his parents and who he really is. Pb \$17.95 352pp



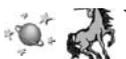
GEORGE MANN (ED)



THE SOLARIS BOOK OF NEW SCIENCE FICTION

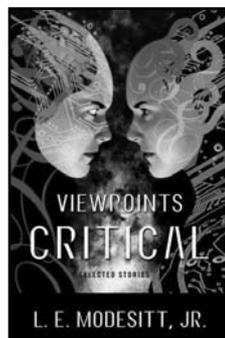
Volume 3. This collection contains all original short stories from some of the world's finest genre authors including Daniel Abraham, Ken MacLeod, Stephen Baxter, Ian Watson, John Meaney, Alastair Reynolds and more. Pb \$18.95 416pp

L E MODESITT JR



VIEWPOINTS CRITICAL: SELECTED STORIES

This is the first story collection ever from this bestselling fantasy and science fiction writer. It includes a selection of stories from the whole of his career. Some of the early stories are kernels for his early SF novels, others display the wide range of his talents and interests, from satire to military adventure. It also contains three new stories that have never been published before: *Black Ordermage*, set in Modesitt's bestselling *Recluce* series; *Beyond the Obvious Wind*, set in his *Corean Chronicles* universe and *Always Outside the Lines*, which is related to the *Ghost of Columbia* books. Pb \$36.00 352pp *Due Apr*



JAMES MORROW



THE PHILOSOPHER'S APPRENTICE

A brilliant philosopher with a talent for self-destruction, Mason Ambrose gratefully accepts an offer no starving ethicist could refuse. He must travel to a private tropical island and tutor Londa Sabacthani, a beautiful, brilliant adolescent who has lost both her memory and her moral sense in a freak accident. Londa's soul is an empty vessel and Mason's job will be to fill it. But all is not as it seems on Isla de Sangre. Londa's reclusive mother is secretly sheltering a second child whose conscience is a blank slate. Even as the mystery deepens, Mason confronts a frightening question - what will happen when Londa, her head crammed with lofty ideals and her bank account filled to bursting, ventures out to remake our fallen world in her own image? Pb \$36.00 448pp

NATASHA MOSTERT



KEEPER OF LIGHT AND DUST

Mia Lockheart has a secret. Her mother was a Keeper, as was her grandmother - women who were warriors, healers and protectors. As Mia practices her craft among the boxers and martial artists of South London and begins a romance with her childhood friend, the fighter Nick Duffy, she has no idea that she is being watched. Adrian Ashton is a brilliant scientist, a skilled martial artist - and a modern-day vampire. He preys on other martial artists and drains them of their chi - the vital energy that flows through the body. Mia finds herself drawn to his dark genius, but when he targets Nick as his next victim, she is forced to choose between the two men. It becomes a fight to the death in which love is both the greatest weakness and the biggest prize. Hb \$58.00 400pp *Due Apr*

ANDRE NORTON & JEAN RABE



DRAGON MAGE

Shy realises that she is lucky to be taken in by her grandparents after her father dies, but life above an antique store in Slade's Corners, Wisconsin is not exactly the place a teenage girl wants to be. One day while going through boxes of her father's boyhood stuff, she comes upon a rare old set of dragon puzzles... all of which are missing pieces. Her grandmother recalls the fantastic tales Shy's father would tell about his travels to lands of dragons and adventure. Shy realises that by mixing and matching the different sets she can complete a single dragon puzzle that combines all of the others. Upon doing so she is whisked away to ancient Babylon where she must continue the duties of her father's legacy as a servant to the dragon and a saviour of the world. Pb \$18.95 320pp

MARY PEARSON

THE ADORATION OF JENNA FOX

When Jenna wakes following her accident, her recovery is slow. One day she can't walk; the next she can. One day her right eyelid droops; the next it doesn't. But at what cost has her recovery come? What are her parents hiding from her? And why does her grandmother, Lily, hate her so? When the memories do come, they're more than anyone bargained for and, as Jenna struggles to work out who she is and what exactly makes us who we are, one thing becomes very clear: Jenna Fox is no ordinary teenage girl. Who is Jenna Fox? Pb \$17.95 276pp

FREDERIK POHL

BEYOND THE BLUE EVENT HORIZON

Heechee #2. The story begins when the hero of *Gateway* (Pb \$22.99) finances an expedition to a distant alien spaceship that may end famine forever. On the ship, the explorers find a human boy and evidence that reveals a powerful alien civilisation is thriving on a transport ship headed right for Earth. Hb \$25.00 336p *Due Apr*

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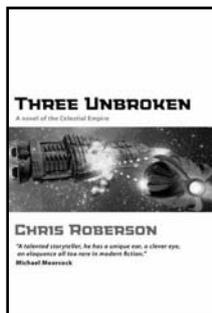
SPELL GAMES

Marla Mason #4. Mad sorcerers, psychic vampires, an army of vengeful demons, Marla Mason would rather face them all than a flesh-and-blood ghost from her dysfunctional family past: her con-artist brother, Jason. As Felpot's chief sorcerer, Marla would ordinarily consider it her duty to protect her town from such an unscrupulous ne'er-do-well. As his sister, things are a lot... trickier. Now, Jason is setting up an elaborate sting and drawing her ever-so-corruptible partner Rondeau into the ruse. But instead of a sucker Jason and Rondeau have a much bigger - and much deadlier - fish on their line: a reclusive sorcerer whose devotion to the mushroom god and command of vegetal magic could bring a fungal apocalypse to Felpot. Pb \$16.95 352pp

CHRIS ROBERSON

THREE UNBROKEN

Celestial Empire #3. Based on the 64 elements of the I-Ching, this novel follows the lives of three soldiers from their induction into the armed forces to their eventual fight for survival on the front line in an explosive war between the Chinese and Aztec empires as they battle for control of the red planet, Fire Star. Pb \$18.95 416pp



ROBERT SAWYER

WWW: WAKE

Caitlin Decter is young, pretty, feisty, a genius at math - and blind. Still, she can surf the net with the best of them, following its complex paths clearly in her mind. But Caitlin's brain long ago co-opted her primary visual cortex to help her navigate online. So when she receives an implant to restore her sight, instead of seeing reality, the landscape of the World Wide Web explodes into her consciousness, spreading out all around her in a riot of colours and shapes. While exploring this amazing realm, she discovers something - some *other* - lurking in the background. And it's getting more and more intelligent with each passing day. Hb \$55.00 384pp *Due Apr*

LINNEA SINCLAIR

HOPE'S FOLLY

Gabriel's Ghost #3. Admiral Philip Guthrie is in an unprecedented position: on the wrong end of the law, leading a ragtag band of rebels against the oppressive Imperial forces. Or would be if he can get his command ship - the derelict cruiser called Hope's Folly - functioning. Not much can rattle Philip's legendary cool, but the woman who helps him foil an assassination attempt on Kirro Station will. She's the daughter of his best friend and first commander - a man who died while under Philip's command and whose death is on Philip's conscience. Rya Bennton has been in love with Philip Guthrie since she was a girl. But can her childhood fantasies survive an encounter with the hardened man and newly minted rebel leader, once she learns the truth about her father's death? Or will her passion for revenge put not only their hearts but their lives at risk? It's an impossible mission - a man who feels he can't love, a woman who believes she's unlovable and an enemy who will stop at nothing to crush them both. Pb \$16.95 448pp

BERTRICE SMALL

THE SHADOW QUEEN

World of Hetar #5. 'Mourn me but briefly. Then find your destiny, Lara, my love, my life. Now let me go.' With those words, the spirit of Magnus Hauk, Dominus of Terah, leaves his body - and thus the fate of a nation rests upon the faerie woman Lara's shoulders. Lara's son Prince Taj is too young to rule, so Lara must govern in his stead. Thankfully, she has a powerful ally in Prince Kaliq of the Shadows, though never was there a more seductive friend or foe. Yet some in Terah still believe that a female must never wear the crown... and Lara and her daughters will face old enemies who escaped the wrath of Magnus, but are not yet finished with their schemes for power and revenge. Pb \$32.00 384pp *Due Apr*

THOMAS E SNEGOSKI

A KISS BEFORE THE APOCALYPSE

Remy Chandler #1. Boston PI Remy Chandler has many talents. He can will himself invisible, he can speak and understand any foreign language (including the language of animals) and if he listens carefully, he can hear thoughts. Unusual, to say the least - for an ordinary man. However, Remy is no ordinary man - he's an angel. Generations ago, he chose to renounce heaven and live on Earth. He's found a place among us ordinary humans; friendship, a job he's good at - and love. Now he is being drawn into a case with strong ties to his angelic past. The Angel of Death has gone missing - and Remy's former colleagues have come to him for help. But what at first seems to be about tracing a missing person turns out to involve much more - a conspiracy that has as its goal the destruction of the human race. And only Remy Chandler, formerly known as the angel Remiel can stop it. Pb \$18.95 304pp *Due Apr*

TRAVIS S TAYLOR

ONE DAY ON MARS

This chronicles the critical events which were the breaking point for the underclass of Martian citizens and precipitated a revolution to break the Martian colonists free from the Sol System government. The formerly red planet would never be the same, nor would the human race. It was one day that changed the course of history for the Solar System, raging from hand-to-hand combat to piloted armoured mecha suits clashing to an enormous space battle, with dedicated heroes on both sides of the conflict wondering if they were doing the right thing - and if they would live to see another day. Wondering, also, if the spark of this new war, that would eventually reach across whole star systems, would bring them peace. Pb \$18.95 464pp

HARRY TURTLEDOVE

THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE WAR

Crosstime #6. Usually Crosstime Traffic concerns itself with trade. Our world owns the secret of travel between parallel continuums and we use it to trade for much-needed resources with the worlds next door. Preferably without letting them know about any of that parallel-worlds stuff, but there's one parallel world that's different. In it, the atomic war broke out in 1967, at the height of the Summer of Love. Now, Crosstime Traffic has been given a different sort of mission: find out what on earth, or on the many earths, went wrong. Pb \$16.95 288pp *Due Mar*

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& T K F WEISSKOPF (Eds)

TRANSUMAN

The rate of technological development today is exploding. Such diverse technologies as computing, communications, genetics, biology and nanotechnology are rapidly pushing humanity to a new singularity, a point at which all the rules change and everything we assume about what it means to be human may no longer apply. Leading science fiction writers such as Wil McCarthy, Esther Friesner, James P Hogan, Hugo-winner David Levine, Dave Freer, Wen Spencer, Mark Van Name and others explore this strangest of new frontiers. Pb \$18.95 416pp *Due Mar*

DAVID WEBER

STORM FROM THE SHADOWS

A Honor Harrington novel. Rear Admiral Michelle Henke was commanding one of the ships in a force led by Honor Harrington in an all-out space battle. When her ship was destroyed, she and her surviving crew were taken prisoner. She was repatriated to Manticore, carrying a request for a summit conference between the leaders of the two sides which might end the war. But a condition of her return was that she gave her parole not to fight against the forces of the Republic of Haven until she had been officially exchanged for a Havenite prisoner of war. What she didn't realise was that she would find herself on a collision course with the interstellar syndicate of criminals known as Manpower. And Manpower had its own plans for eliminating Manticore as a possible threat to its lucrative slave trade, deadly plans which remain hidden in the shadows. Hb \$59.95 768pp

SEAN WILLIAMS

THE SCARECROW

Broken #3. Ros and Adi, their guardian and an all-knowing camel continue their adventure to deliver a dangerous burden to the bottom of the ocean. Along the way, they encounter a mysterious stranger, who disappears along with their guardian, Varis. Tracking them by use of the magic known as the Change, the friends are confronted by a powerful charm impeding further discovery. But a brush with the spirit world has given one of them the power to see the island fort where Varis has been taken, and helped by Pukje, an imp-like stranger, they plan a rescue. Inside the fort, though, lurks the Scarecrow, a sinister amalgamation of man and material. He wants the incredibly powerful Golem of Omus, imprisoned in crystal by Ros - and he'll do anything to get his hands on it. The Scarecrow offers Ros a deal; Pukje offers him hope of escape. Once again, Ros has to decide who to trust. Pb \$14.99 192pp

MICHAEL Z WILLIAMSON
BETTER TO BEG FORGIVENESS

Celadon, a poor nation on a poor planet, engaged in civil war and a haven for every type of villainy in space, is ripe for cleanup. The military could pacify it handily, but it would take a statesman to fix it. But some statesmen have ethics, which politicians and megacorps find inconvenient. President Bishwanath compounded the sin by being astute, ambitious and capable. Something had to be done, because a working nation isn't much use for pork and graft. When the word comes down that he is dead, the politicians move on with a new plan, re-allocating resources and finding a new, more pliable president to put in place. There are three problems with this solution. Bishwanath is not dead. His mercenary bodyguards are more loyal than the politicians. And if they're not on contract, there are no rules. Pb \$18.95 640pp



MICHAEL Z WILLIAMSON

CONTACT WITH CHAOS

Freehold #4. When an exploration ship from Freehold discovered a planet with intelligent lifeforms - the first which humans had ever encountered, it should have been the most important event in history. And it might be - for all the wrong reasons. Corporations on Freehold were eager to sell high-tech toys to the Ithkuil, as the inhabitants called themselves, which had the potential to disrupt their society. Then there was the UN, which controlled the planet Earth. Earth and Freehold were not on good terms, to put it mildly and the UN immediately sent its own ship to make contact with the Ithkuil. Contact with a more advanced civilisation might pose a danger to the Ithkuil, but it definitely was becoming more dangerous to the human factions and the situation was a powder keg just waiting for a spark to cause a very deadly explosion... Hb \$54.00 432pp *Due Apr*

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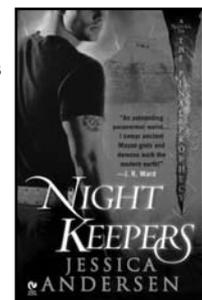
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**PARANORMAL
ROMANCE**



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Final Prophecy #1. As a Miami narcotics detective, Leah Daniels never knows how her day will turn out, but she certainly never expected to be strapped to a stone altar - the human sacrifice in an ancient Mayan ritual meant to coax up a demon from the underworld. Or that she'd be saved by a handsome warrior-priest king who claims to recognise her from his visions... Jaguar Strike wishes he hadn't made the mistake of reuniting his fellow warrior priests, or broken the law by saving their chosen human sacrifice. Now, he has no choice but to join forces with Leah and invoke dangerous magic in a death-defying race against the end of time. Pb \$18.95 364pp



SHARON ASHWOOD
RAVENOUS

Holly Carver is a witch who sometimes relies on the help of Alessandro Caravelli for her family's preternatural investigations business. Alessandro is the oldest and strongest vampire in Fairview - and he's made no secret of his desire for Holly. But while she aches to succumb to his suggestive wiles, she knows it would be an invitation to trouble. Then Alessandro's queen, Omara, complicates matters when she turns up in Fairview to enlist his help. Sultry and manipulative, she is jealous of Alessandro's feelings for Holly and demands he use Holly to trap Geneva - the most evil demon of all. Pb \$16.95 352pp



**P C CAST & KRISTIN CAST
HUNTED**



House of Night #5. Zoey's friends have her back again and Stevie Rae and the red fledglings aren't Neferet's secrets any longer. But an unexpected danger has emerged. Neferet guards her powerful new consort, Kalona, and no one at the House of Night seems to understand the threat he poses. Kalona looks gorgeous and he has the House of Night under his spell. A past life holds the key to breaking his rapidly spreading influence, but what if this past life shows Zoey secrets she doesn't want to hear and truths she can't face? On the run and holed up in Tulsa's Prohibition-era tunnels, Zoey and her gang must discover a way to deal with something that might bring them

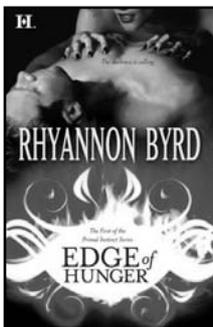
all down. Hb \$39.95 336pp *Marked, Betrayed, Chosen & Untamed* (House of Night #1-4) by P C & Kristen Cast (Pb \$19.95 each). OK - it's more paranormal romance... These are young adult ones. I loved the first one. There were some interesting ideas and the writing was pretty tight, the story didn't dither around. I cant say the same for the writing of books 2-4 (there was too much recapping of where we'd been and our protagonist Zoey sounded less mature than in #1) but dammit, I just had to know what was happening. The authors (a mum/daughter team) did put Zoey in some tricky situations (she has a very brief fling with an older teacher) that I thought was a bit ballsy. - Steph

**ANNETTE BLAIR
GONE WITH THE WITCH**

The Cartwright triplets use their magic for good and their good looks for seduction. When beautiful bad girl Storm Cartwright hears the sound of a baby crying every time she's near Aiden McCloud, she turns on the charm, because she's sure it means a child is in need - and that the handsome antiques restorer is the key to finding it. When she lures Aiden into her seductive trap and kidnaps him, something magical happens between them... Pb \$16.95 304pp

**RHYANNON BYRD
EDGE OF HUNGER**

Primal Instincts #1. Ian has always felt the deep, impenetrable darkness that lives within him, Yet he is determined to ignore the unsettling dreams in which he succumbs to his wildest desires...



until psychic Molly tracks him down, claiming to share his sensual nightmares. She even has the bite marks to prove it. She's also received a message from Ian's deceased mother - an enemy is near and it's time for the creature inside Ian to finally awaken. A creature with an insatiable hunger that must be controlled before it overtakes them both. Pb \$16.95 384pp *Due Apr*

KATE DOUGLAS, ANYA HOWARD & LYDIA PARKS

SEXY BEAST VI

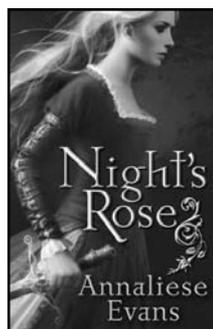
This hot collection features a trio of stories in which wild and untamed Chanku shapeshifters find their perfect mates with whom they can indulge their most primal sexual urges. Pb \$29.95 256pp *Due Apr*

**CYNTHIA EDEN
IMMORTAL DANGER**

Once, Maya Black was a cop patrolling the streets of LA. She still keeps the city safe, but nowadays her bad guys of choice include demons, werewolves and assorted nocturnal scum. Something Maya knows a thing or two about. She's a vampire - and not thrilled about it. Adam Brody hopes Maya is as dangerous as they say she is. He needs her to help rescue his niece from a ruthless band of vamps and he's willing to pay - in blood. Trusting her is another matter. Adam has never met a vampire who doesn't lie. Then again, he's never met anyone like Maya, who fills him with a desperate need that ignites into explosive, no-holds-barred encounters. Tp \$32.00 352pp *Due Apr*

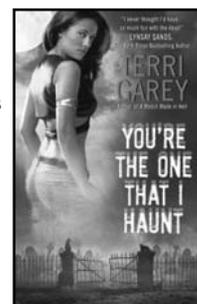
**ANNALIESE EVANS
NIGHT'S ROSE**

Night Rose #1. For nearly 100 years, Rosemarie has worked tirelessly to wipe the ogre tribe from the earth. Now the tribe has gathered in London to work a spell that will destroy the scourge of their kind, the woman they call the Briar Rose. Two men will unite to aid Rose - her fey advisor, Ambrose, and the vampire, Lord Shenley, an earl of scandalous reputation and appetites. One will save her, one will betray her and both will challenge her to face the past that haunts her. Once she was ensnared in the mists of enchantment, curse to sleep for 100 years, but this beauty was not awakened with a kiss and has never known happily-ever-after. With the help of her allies, Rose may yet find it. Pb \$16.95 384pp *Due Apr*



**TERRI GAREY
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I HAUNT**

Nikki Styx #3. Nicki Styx has always known that the devil's in the details, but does he have to move in next door, too? Worse, he won't take no for an answer. Nicki would never leave her beloved boyfriend, ER doc Joe Bascombe, but



hell hath no fury like a devil scorned. He's determined to make Nicki's life a living hell, even if it means exposing Nicki as an unwilling ghoulfriend to the dead. Now, just when she was getting used to being able to see and hear - and help - spirits, Nicki's got a whole new set of problems. With ghosts descending from all sides, the bereaved knocking down her door and Joe trying to take things to the next level, Nicki may finally be in over her head. It would be so easy to dance with the devil... but if Nicki crosses over to the dark side, she may never leave. Pb \$16.95 384pp

**CHARLAINE HARRIS
FROM DEAD TO WORSE**

Sookie Stackhouse #8. After the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the manmade horror of the explosion at the vampire summit, Sookie Stackhouse is safe but dazed, yearning for things to get back to normal. However, her boyfriend Quinn is among the missing and things are changing, whether the weres and vamps in her corner of Louisiana like it or not. In the ensuing battles, Sookie faces danger, death... and once more, betrayal by someone she loves. And when the fur has finished flying and the cold blood ceases flowing, her world will be forever altered. Pb \$18.95 336pp *Due Apr*

**STACEY JAY
YOU ARE SO UNDEAD TO ME**

Megan Berry is a Zombie Settler by birth, which means she's part-time shrink to a whole bunch of semi-dead people with killer issues. All Megan really wants is to go to homecoming, but when you're trailed by a bunch of slobbering corpses whenever you leave the house, it's kinda hard to score a date. Let's just say Megan's love life could use some major resuscitation. Megan's convinced her life can't get any worse - until someone in school starts using black magic to turn average, angst-y Undead into scary, hardcore flesh-eating Zombies. Now it's up to Megan to stop the Zombie apocalypse. Her life - and more importantly, the homecoming dance - depends on it. Pb \$19.95 272pp

**BLACK LACE
LUST AT FIRST BITE**

Thanks to television shows like *Buffy* and *Angel*, and the bestselling novels of Laurel K Hamilton, vampires have never been sexier or more perfect for erotica. This collection gathers stories together for a collection that is chilling, entertaining and twisted. Pb \$24.95 288pp

**VICTORIA LAURIE
GHOULS JUST HAUNT TO HAVE FUN**

Ghost Hunter Mysteries #3. When ghost hunter and medium M J Holliday appears on a television show called *Haunted Possessions*, she encounters an evil knife that releases a demon. Now all hell has broken loose in the haunted hotel where M J is staying - and it's up to her to give the uninvited guest an early checkout. Pb \$16.95 336pp

**JENNIFER LYON
BLOOD MAGIC**

In the days when powerful witches used their magic to shield humanity from demons, their allies and guardians were a group of men gifted with preternatural abilities of their own - the witch guardians. But when a band of witches traded their humanity for demonic power, the ancient bond was broken and the guardians became the hunters. Darcy MacAlister knows nothing of demons or magic. But this beautiful young woman is about to discover the truth about her past... and her future. For she is a witch - not just any witch, but the key to breaking the curse that has plagued witches and the men who hunt them. Pb \$16.95 384pp

**ALYSON NOEL
EVERMORE**

Immortals #1. Since a horrible accident claimed the lives of her family, 16-year-old Ever can see auras, hear people's thoughts and know a person's life story by touch. Going out of her way to shield herself from human



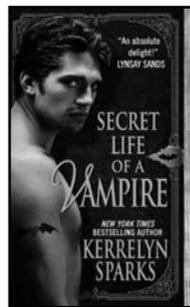
contact to suppress her abilities has branded her as a freak at her new high school, but everything changes when she meets Damen Auguste... Ever sees Damen and feels an instant recognition. He is gorgeous, exotic and wealthy, and he holds many secrets. Damen is able to make things appear and disappear, he always seems to know what she's thinking - and he's the only one who can silence the noise and the random energy in her head. She doesn't know who he really is - or what he is. Damen equal parts light and darkness and he belongs to an enchanted new world where no one ever dies. Pb \$23.95 320pp

**LYNSAY SANDS
THE IMMORTAL HUNTER**

Argeneaus #11. Even vampires need a vacation. But Decker Argeneau's ends abruptly when he's asked to help hunt the group of rogue vampires targeting mortals - one that might include a defector in his own family. Before he can worry about that, though, he's got to rescue the latest victim. It's all part of the job, including taking a bullet for a beautiful doctor. Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Apr*

**KERRELYN SPARKS
SECRET LIFE OF A VAMPIRE**

Love at Stake #6. Nothing's sexier than a man who can keep a secret. A typical bachelor party is all about beers and beautiful women. A vampire bachelor party is no different - except the men are drinking Blissky (whiskey-flavoured synthetic blood). And no one can throw a party quite like Jack, the illegitimate son of Casanova. But when the party gets out of hand and the cops show up, Jack has some explaining to do, if only he wasn't struck speechless by the beauty of Officer Lara Boucher. Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Apr*



Shadowmen #4. Oil heiress Marissa Vasquez fled the jungles of Belize to avoid becoming a pawn in her vicious uncle's wicked schemes. Though she has found temporary sanctuary in Little Twilight, Tennessee, only in her dreams does she taste freedom. At night, her spirit intertwines with a magnificent black wolf and they run together under the glow of a forest moon. When a wounded stranger is brought to the camp where she is hiding, she glimpses in his eyes the mysterious being who has been the partner of her visions. But before she can explore her strange reaction to this man, they are kidnapped and imprisoned once again. Together, their spirits form a powerful link matched only by the passion they discover in each other's arms, but can a mortal woman attain true love with a man who is half wolf? And will their enemies give them time to find an answer? Pb \$16.95 352pp *Due Apr*

**JENNIFER ST GILES
BRIDE OF THE WOLF**

Crimson Moon #3. Just one month ago, secret government operative Sasha Trudeau thought she'd tasted victory. Orchestrating détente between the warring factions of the supernatural world had nearly cost her life, but it also opened the door to a future with Max Hunter, her mate and fellow Shadow Wolf. Until now. A poisonous virus is wreaking havoc on Hunter's immune system and the passionate man who Sasha loves has become unpredictable, dangerous - and possibly deadly. When Hunter disappears the night a human is found ravaged, Sasha is thrust into a race against the clock to find the cure for her mate... and the traitor who's determined to see them both dead. Pb \$18.95 352pp *Due Apr*

**CHRISTINE WARREN
YOU'RE SO VEIN**

Others #7. While searching for a murderous vampire fugitive, Vladimir Rurikovich saves Ava Markham from the clutches of death and realises that he cannot live another day without her in his immortal life. Then he discovers a secret about her bloodline that could change everything. Pb \$16.95 352pp *Due Apr*

**EILEEN WILKS
MORTAL SINS**

World of the Lupi #5. FBI Agent Lily Yu and her werewolf lover are embroiled in a series of murders, each linked to a form of dangerous "death magic." Pb \$18.95 352pp

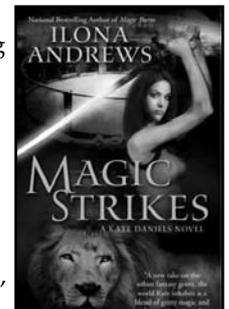
**REBECCA YORK
ETERNAL MOON**

Moon #10. They are destined to be together for all eternity - if they can defeat the evil stalking them. Determined to stop a madman, PI Renata Cordona is undercover when she's almost attacked by a pack of vicious dogs. A lone wolf saves her. Then, out of nowhere, a man with an electrifying touch appears - the man who is clearly her destiny. Pb \$18.95 304pp *Due Apr*



**ILONA ANDREWS
MAGIC STRIKES**

Kate Daniels #3. Drafted into working for the Order of Merciful Aid, mercenary Kate Daniels has more paranormal problems than she knows what to do with. And in Atlanta, where magic comes and goes like the tide, that's saying a lot. But when Kate's werewolf friend Derek is discovered nearly dead, she must confront her greatest challenge yet. Pb \$18.95 320pp *Due Apr*



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Centuries-old vampire Baron Rudolfo Zginski was staked in Wales in 1915 and reawakens in Memphis, Tennessee, 60 years later. He realises he must adapt quickly to survive. Zginski tracks down a nest of teenage vampires. But these young vampires have little knowledge of their true nature. Forming an uneasy alliance with them, Zginski begins to teach them the truth about their powers. They must learn quickly, for there's a new drug on the street - a drug created to specifically target and destroy vampires. Hb \$55.00 288pp *Due Apr*

JIM BUTCHER
TURN COAT

The Dresden Files #11. The Warden Morgan has been accused of treason against the Wizards of the White Council - and there's only one punishment for that crime. He's on the run, wants his name cleared and needs someone with a knack for backing the underdog. Someone like Harry Dresden. Now, Harry must uncover a traitor within the Council, keep Morgan under wraps and avoid coming under scrutiny himself. And a single mistake may cost someone his head - someone like Harry. Hb \$55.00 432pp *Due Apr*

RAMSEY CAMPBELL
THE GRIN OF THE DARK

A former professor offers film critic Simon the chance to write a book on one of the greatest long-lost comedians of the silent-film era, Tubby Thackeray. Simon is determined to find out the truth behind the jolly fat man's disappearance from film - and from the world. Tubby's work carries the unmistakable stamp of the macabre. People literally laughed themselves to death during his performances. Soon, wherever Simon goes, laughter - and a clown's wide, threatening grin - follow. Is Simon losing his mind? Or is Tubby Thackeray waiting for him to open the door back to the world? Pb \$18.95 432pp *Due Apr*

JOHN FARRIS
YOU DON'T SCARE ME

Chase was 14 when her mother married Crow. Chase never trusted Crow. Then one terrifying night of horror proved what Chase had felt all along... Crow Tillman was pure evil. New Haven, Connecticut, Present Day: Crow Tillman is ten years dead, but he hasn't stopped haunting Chase Emrick. Everyone she's ever been close to suffers horrible fates, leaving Chase all alone in this world. Adam Cameron is a campus cop and he's utterly smitten with Chase. But getting close to Chase puts Adam head to head with the essence of evil and the reality of death. There is only one way to get Crow to leave Chase alone: to battle him, you must first die. Pb \$16.95 304pp

RAY GARTON
BESTIAL

Something very strange is happening in the coastal California town of Big Rock. Several residents have died in unexplained, particularly brutal ways, many torn apart in animal attacks. And there's always that eerie howling late at night... You might think there's a werewolf in town, but you'd be wrong. It's not just one werewolf, but the whole town that's gradually transforming. Bit by bit, as the infection spreads, the werewolves are becoming more and more powerful. In fact, humans may soon be the minority, mere prey for their hungry neighbours. Is it too late for the humans to fight back? Did they ever have a chance from the start? Pb \$18.95 320pp *Due Apr*

CLAUDIA GRAY
EVERNIGHT

Evernight #1. Bianca wants to escape. At the eerily Gothic Evernight Academy, the other students are sleek, smart and almost predatory. Bianca knows she doesn't fit in. When she meets handsome, brooding Lucas, he warns her to be careful - even when it comes to caring about him. But the connection between them can't be denied. Bianca will risk anything to be with Lucas, but dark secrets are fated to tear them apart... and to make Bianca question everything she's ever believed. Pb \$19.95 336pp

KIM HARRISON
WHITE WITCH, BLACK CURSE

Rachel Morgan #7. Rachel Morgan, kick-ass witch and bounty hunter, has taken her fair share of hits and has broken lines she swore she would never cross. But when her lover was murdered, it left a deeper wound than Rachel ever imagined and now she won't rest until his death is solved and avenged... whatever the cost. Yet the road to hell is paved with good intentions and when a new predator moves to the apex of the food chain, Rachel's past comes back to haunt her... literally. Hb \$58.00 512pp

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Dracula... a name of horror, depravity and the darkest sensuality. Yet the real Dracula's tale is not one of a monster, but of a man and a contradiction. For the one they called 'The Devil's Son' was both tyrant and lawgiver, crusader and mass slaughterer, torturer and hero, lover and murderer. His tale is told by those who knew him best. The only woman he ever loved and whom he has to sacrifice. His closest comrade and traitor. And his priest, betraying the secrets of the confessional to reveal the mind of the man history would forever remember as 'The Impaler'. This is the true story of Dracula as it has never been told before. Pb \$32.99 384pp

JACK KILBORN
AFRAID

Welcome to Safe Haven. Population 907. Nestled in the woods of Wisconsin, Safe Haven is miles from everything. With one road in and out, this is a town so peaceful it has never needed a full-time police force. Until now. A helicopter has crashed on the outskirts of town and something terrible has been unleashed. A classified secret weapon programmed to kill anything that stands in its way. Now it's headed for the nearest lights to do what it does best. Isolate. Terrorise. Annihilate. Soon all phone lines are dead and the road is blocked. Safe Haven's only chance for survival rests on the shoulders of an aging county sheriff. And as the body count rises, the sheriff realises something even more terrifying - maybe death hasn't come to his little town by accident... Welcome to Safe Haven. Population 907... 906... 905! Tp \$32.99 320pp

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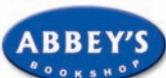


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